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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

REF: (A) DACCA 3813; (B) DACCA 4056; (C) DACCA 4243 (SINGAPORE ONLY) (D) SINGAPORE 3685 (DACCA ONLY)

1. UPDATING REFS A AND B, EMBASSY WISHES PASS ON REPORT THAT OIL EXPLORATION PROPOSAL BEFORE BDG NOW ALLEGEDLY NARROWED FROM 14 TO 13 - SIX US, SIX CANADIAN, AND ONE FRENCH (CFP).

2. HEDAYAT AHMED, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY NATURAL RESOURCES (WHO HAS REPLACED SLIGHTLY LOWER RANKING AHMED REZA AS MAIN FOCUS BDG ACTION), ADVISED SEPT 20 THAT FOLLOWING AMERICAN FIRMS TO APPEAR FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS IN MID-OCTOBER - ASHLAND, ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, OCCIDENTAL AND UNION OIL OF CALIFORNIA. A NONGOVERNMENT SOURCE REPORTED SEEING TEXACO ON BDG LIST OF CANDIDATES IN LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS; HITHERTO

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WE THOUGHT TEXACO INTERESTED ONLY IN EXPLORATION OFFSHORE

BURMA. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OTHER US COMPANY PROPOSALS
(PARA 6, REF A) IS NOT KNOWN. BDG SOURCES HAVE BECOME
VERY CLOSE-MOUTHED.

3. REQUEST DEPT OR SINGAPORE PASS FOLLOWING BASIC MESSAGE
FROM HEDAYAT AHMED TO COMPANIES LISTED LAST PARA, WITH
ADDITIONAL REMARKS AS THERE INDICATED: QUOTE PLEASE
STAND IN READINESS FOR MESSAGE FROM MINISTRY TO APPEAR
MID-OCTOBER FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS. PRECISE DATE WILL
BE COMMUNICATED LATER. MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE TO GIVE VERY
SHORT NOTICE. UNQUOTE.

4. ADD COMMENTS AS BELOW:

(A) ASHLAND EXPLORATION CO., HOUSTON - EARLIER MINISTRY
CABLE SENT COMMERCIALLY TO HOUSTON RETURNED UNDELIVERED
AS ADDRESS INCORRECT. EMBASSY RECORDS HAVE FOR INTER-
NATIONAL DEPT., ASHLAND EXPLORATION: PO BOX 1503,
HOUSTON 77701; TEL. (713) 225-5511 - J. H. BRINEMAN,
CHIEF GEOLOGIST.

(B) ATLANTIC RICHFIELD, SINGAPORE - NO ANSWER RECEIVED TO EARLIER
MINISTRY COMMERCIAL CABLE.

(C) OCCIDENTIAL, 5000 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY, BAKERSFIELD,
CAL. - ADVISE C. JAMES BLOM, EXPLORATION MANAGER/EASTERN
MEMISPHERE (TEL. (805) 327-7351; TELEX 682421)
THAT REPLY TO EARLIER MINISTRY CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

(D) UNION OF CALIFORNIA, SINGAPORE - INFORM SCHWARTZ THAT
DATE OCTOBER 1 UNFORTUNATELY NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE,
CONTRARY TO INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY FROM
AHMED SEPT 19 (REF C). APPOINTMENT CANCELLED, PER
AHMED COMMERCIAL TELEX (REF D).
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